**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Adur)*.—Has the Government any idea of situating these Government Offices in some centrally located site?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*.—There is at present no idea.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Adur)*.—Will the Government consider the desirability of doing so?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*.—Yes.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancherri)*.—Will the Government extend the same consideration to other places also where the offices are held in rented buildings?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*.—Yes.

## Works recommended by Road Board—particulars regarding.

**313. Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what work has been done up till this for roads recommended to be commenced or taken up this year by the Road Board;

(b) what work remains to be done for the same by the end of the year?

(Answer may kindly be given with special reference to each road).

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)*.—

(a) A statement is appended. *(Appendix I)*.

(b) It is expected that the provision for each work in the current year's programme could be spent.

**Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila)*.—With regard to item 1, appendix I, may I know at what stage does the land acquisition proceedings stand?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—I am sorry I have not got it here, but I can give you the information in the afternoon.

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**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancherri).*—With regard to item 6, may I know at what stage under normal circumstances Government expect to reach before the current year is out?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer).*—I hope that the estimates will be completed and the work will be given on contract.

## Works done under Labour Department—particulars regarding.

**314. Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether works done under the Labour Department are check-measured by any expert;

(2) if so, by whom;

(3) who prepares the estimates for the works;

(4) who calls for tenders;

(5) are tenders called publicly;

(6) if so, what is the machinery adopted?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Joint Secretary to Government.)*—(1) No.

(2) Does not arise.

(3) The Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(4) The Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(5) Yes.

(6) By notification in the Gazette.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Pallippuram).*—What is the largest amount for check-measurement by the Department?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Works costing about 150 or 200 rupees.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Pallippuram).*—Would it not be better to checkmeasure all the works by a technical officer?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar** *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—As matters now stand Heads of Departments are authorised to checkmeasure works costing not more than particular amounts. The question whether even that should be done

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## APPENDIX I.

(*Question No. 313.*)

Present progress of the works recommended by the Road Board to be commenced this year.

| Serial No. | Item No. in Appendix III to the Road Board Report | Name of work | Present progress |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5 | Opening Mangayil Road to Netur | Estimate prepared. Land acquisition in progress |
| 2 | 15 | Bridge Between Komanthuruthy and Chenganad | Do work being let on contract |
| 3 | 16 | Road from Anandapuram to Nellayi through Muriyad | Do Land acquisition in progress |
| 4 | 17 | Puthenvelikara Road | Estimate under preparation |
| 5 | 20 | Bridge over Valia thodu | Do |
| 6 | 31 | Road from Thanikudam to Machad | Do |
| 7 | 36 | Road from Palayannur to Elanad *via* Vennur | Do |
| 8 | 43 | Road from Tiruvilluamala to Malesamangalam | Estimate prepared. Land acquisition in progress |
| 9 | 45 | Road to Kalchady | Estimate under preparation |

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